

EMIT: A New Space Imaging Spectrometer Mission to Advance Modeling of the Earth System

Earth Surface Mineral Dust Source Investigation (EMIT)



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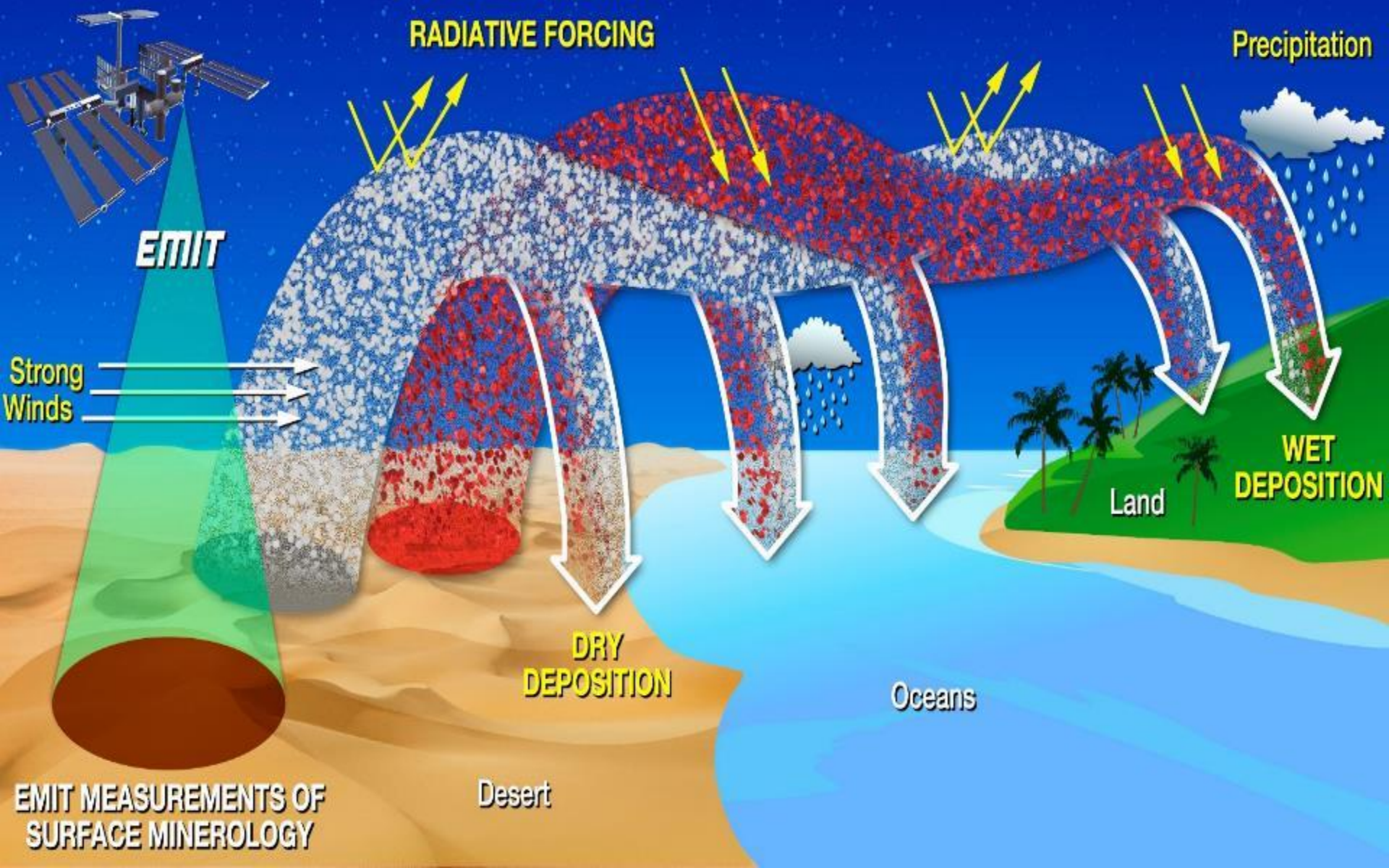
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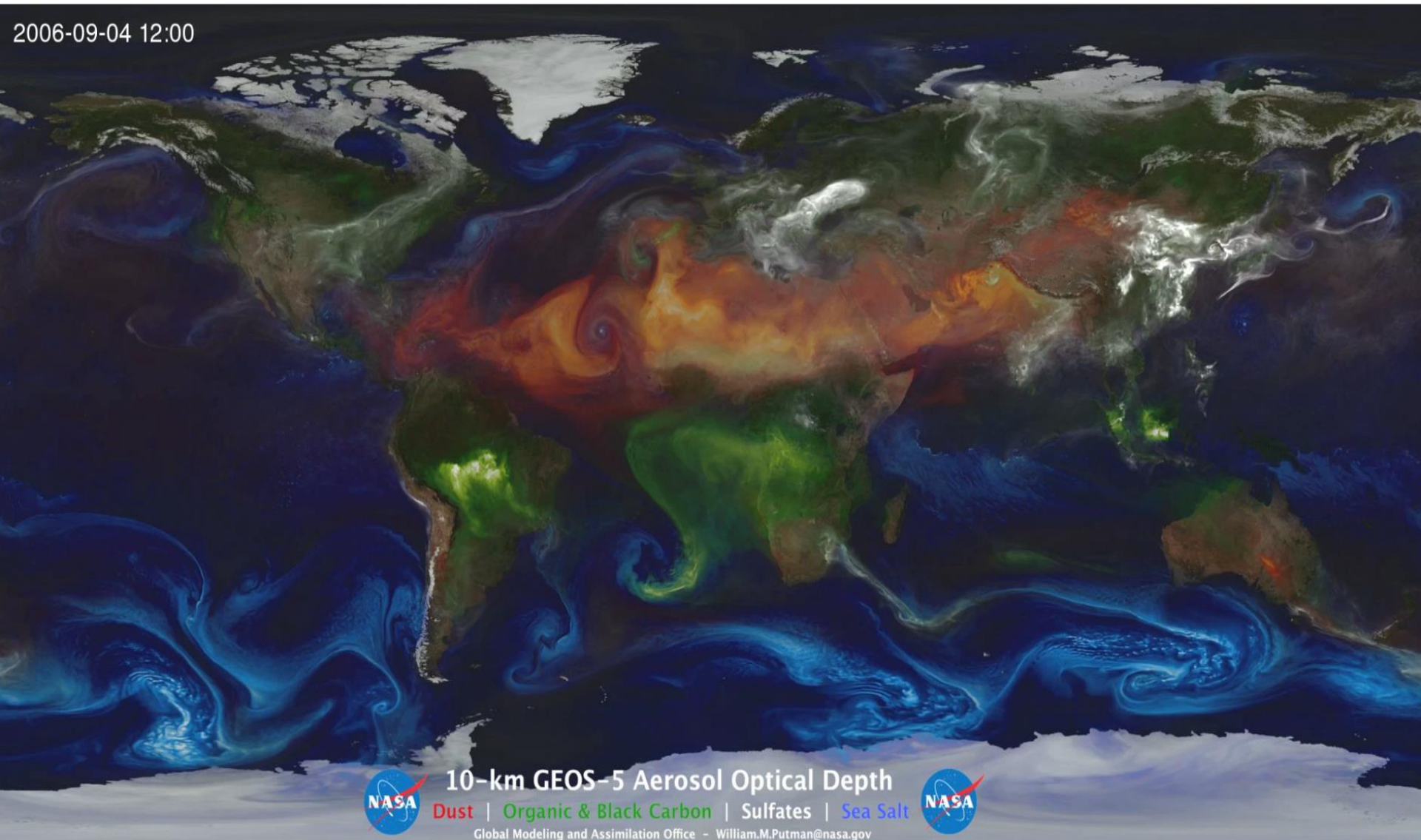
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Mineral Dust Impacts Across the Earth System

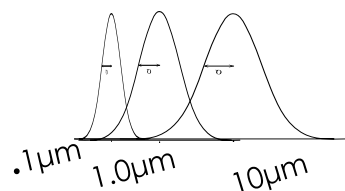
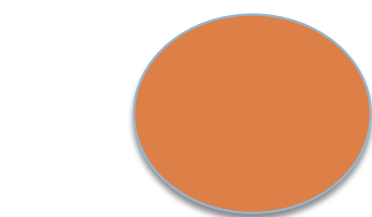


Models are Used to Assess the Current and Future Impacts of Mineral Dust

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Traditionally:
Model an 'average'
Mineral aerosol



But mineral aerosols are from
different minerals depending
on surface properties



Illite



hematite



kaolinite



quartz

feldspar

montmorillonite

And each mineral has
different properties and
interactions with Earth
System

Iron oxides:
Absorb SW, iron for ocean
biogeochemistry

Kaolinite:
Reflects SW, high pH

Feldspar: ice nuclei
source

Clays, large particles: LW
interactions

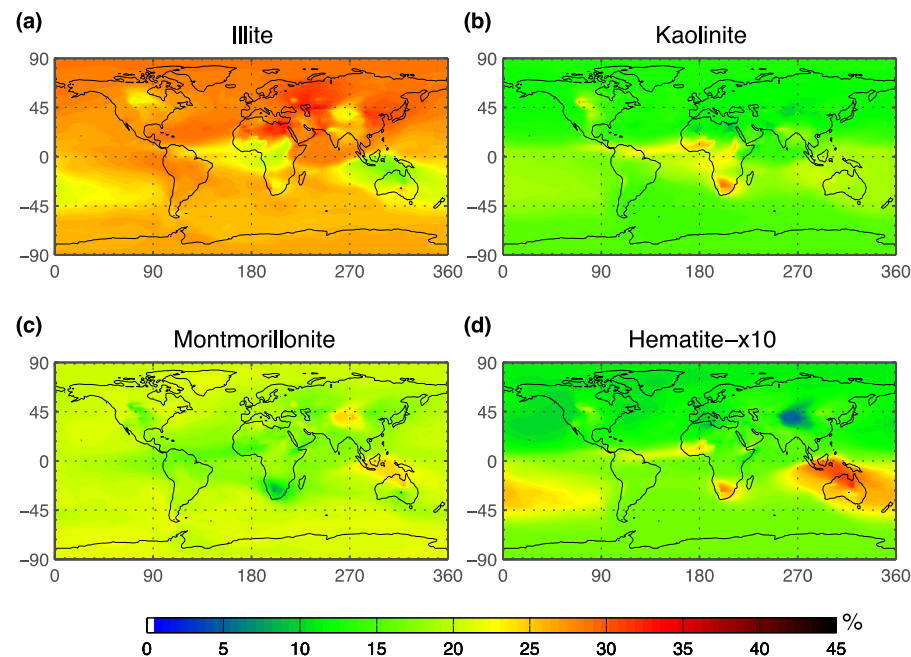
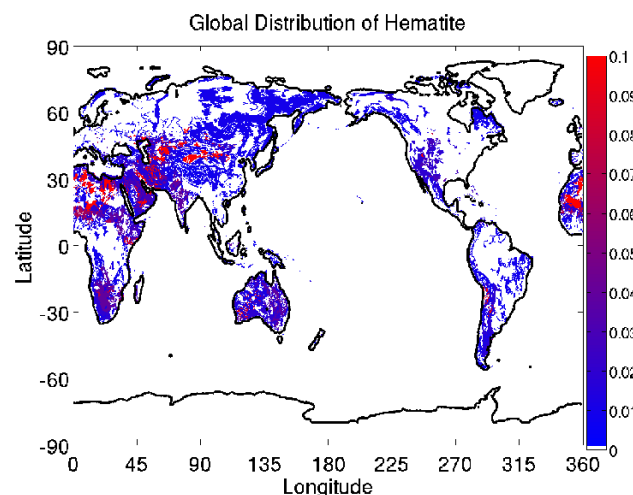
In 3 aerosol size modes

(Zender et al., 2003; Mahowald et al., 2006; Liu et al., 2011)

Scanza et al., 2015; 2018

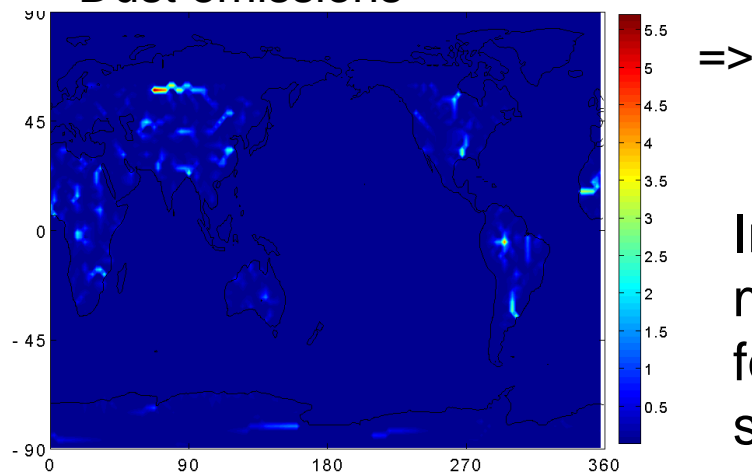
Building dust into models

Using **FAO soil datasets** and “average” minerals in each soil type



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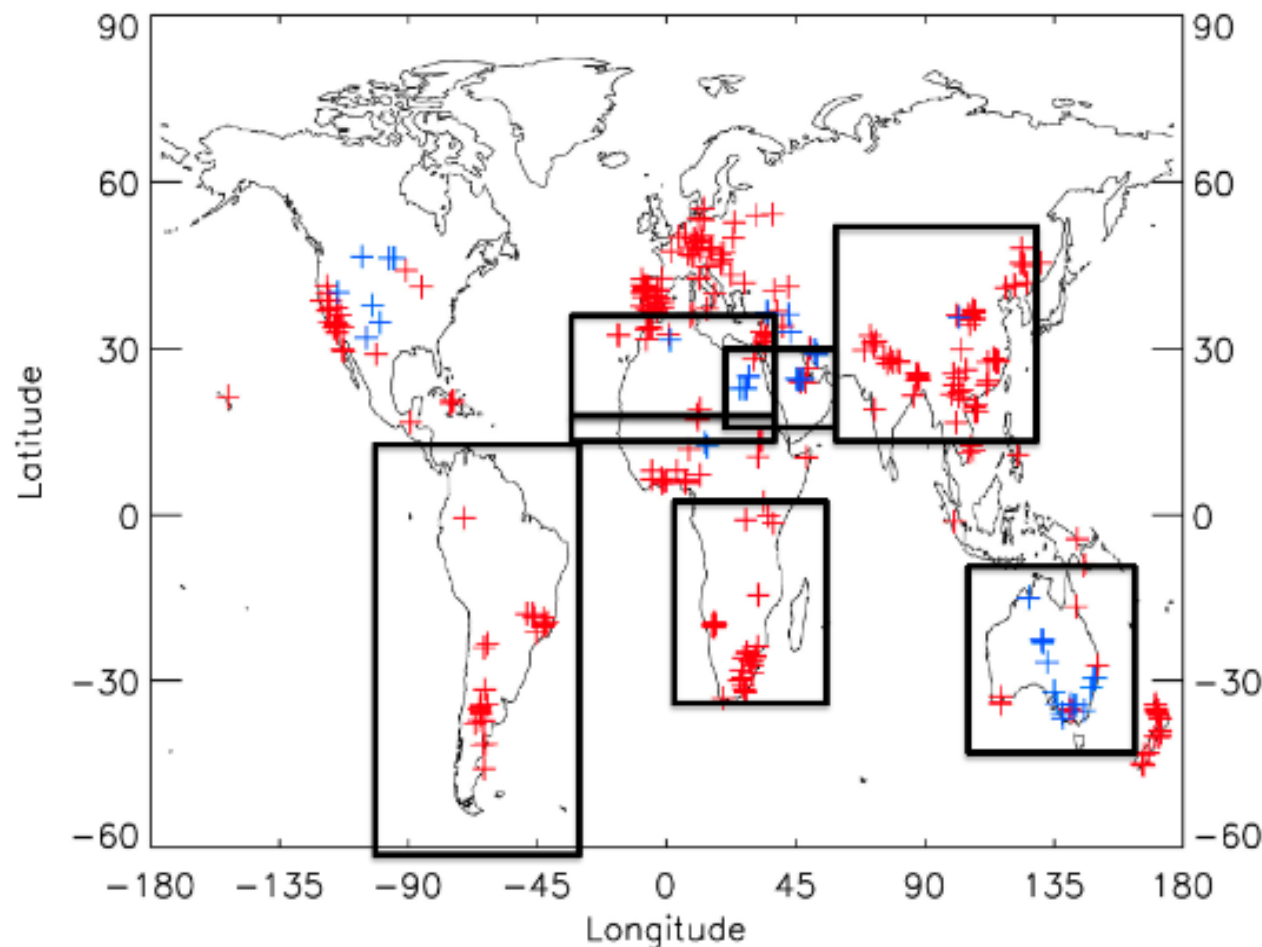
Dust emissions



=> In this implementation, including mineralogy details, the sign of radiative forcing switched from slightly cooling to slightly warming. An important difference.

Example: Current Mineral Dust Source Information

Current Soil Sample Locations

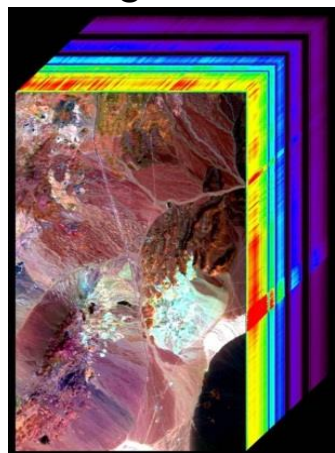


Concern: Using FAO soil data sets and “Average” soil properties from ≤ 5000 soils samples (mostly not in deserts) doesn't fully capture actual distribution and diversity.

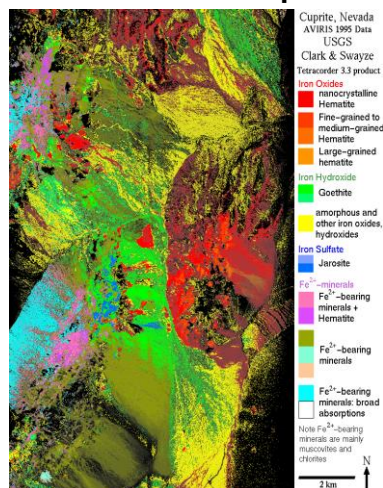
New observations of arid land regions can help.

Imaging Spectroscopy Offers an Approach to Measure the Surface

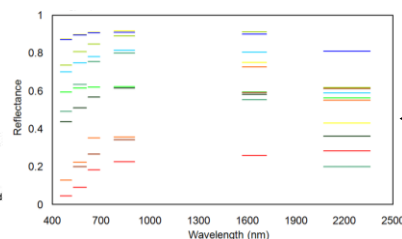
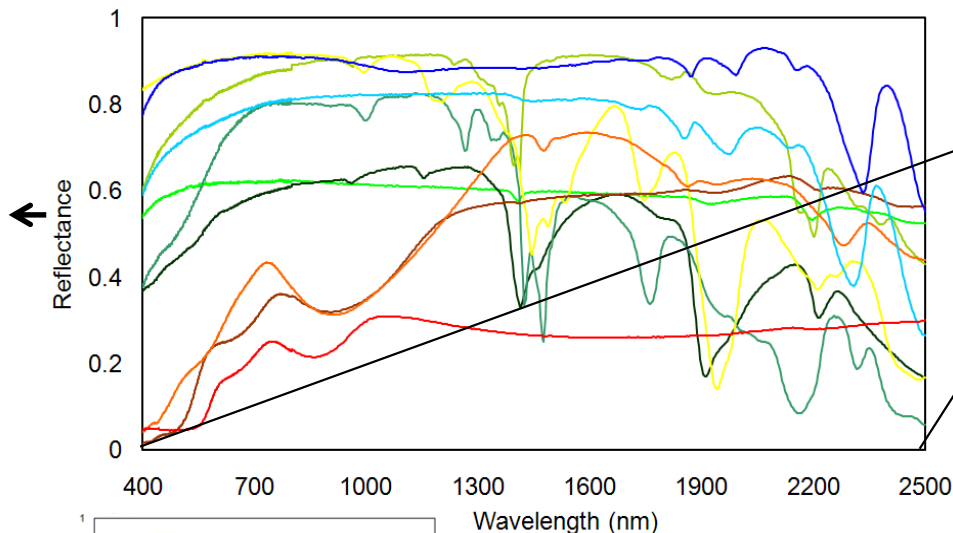
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Image Cube



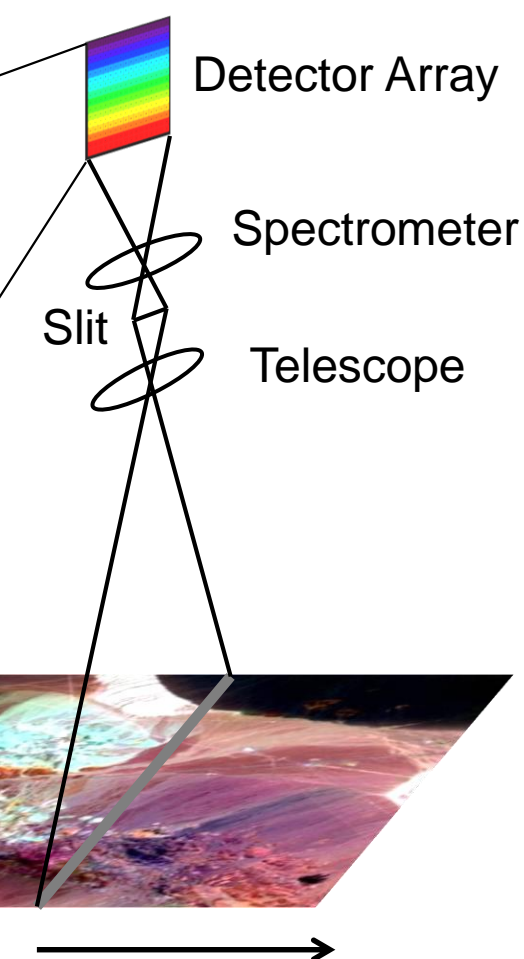
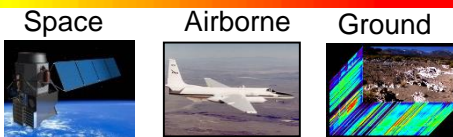
Material Map



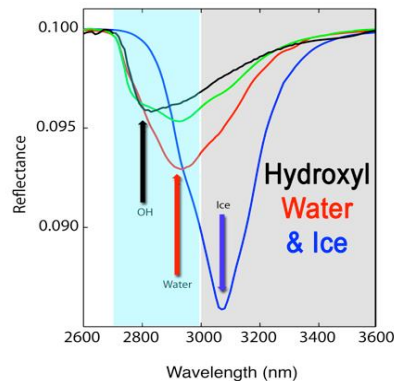
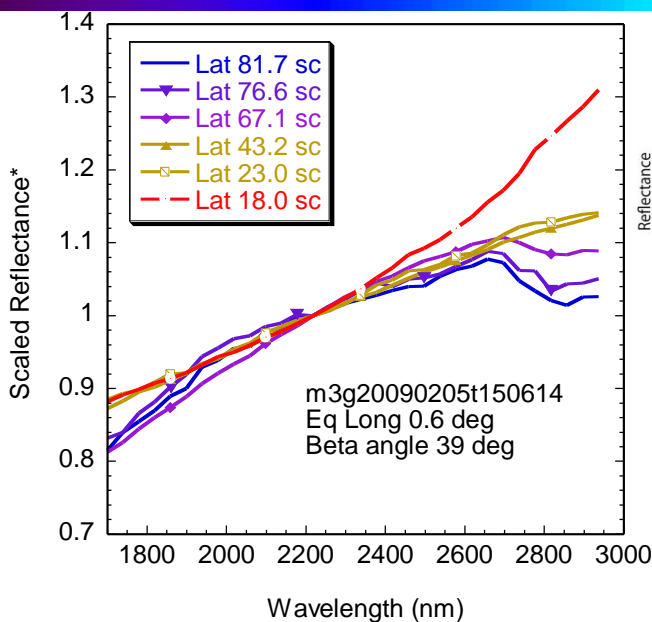
1000s of Parallel Spectrometers



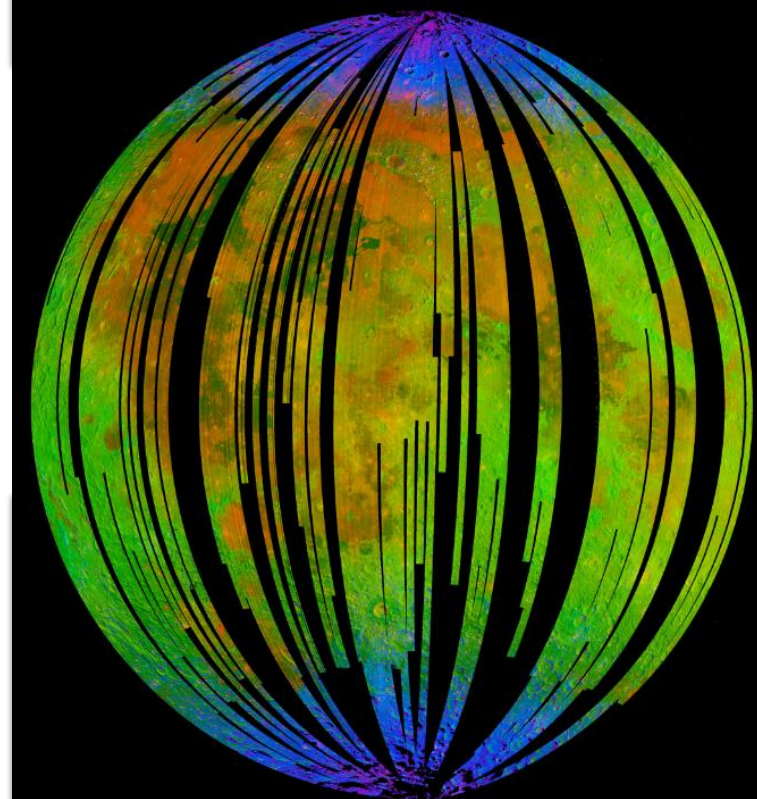
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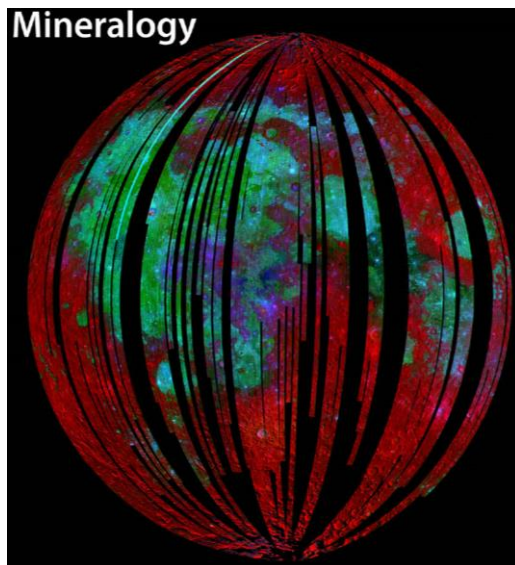
Moon Mineralogy Mapper (M3): Hydroxyl/Water Discovery



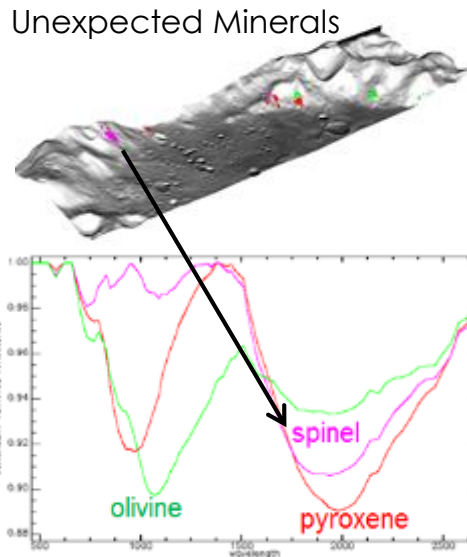
Science
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Mineralogy



Unexpected Minerals

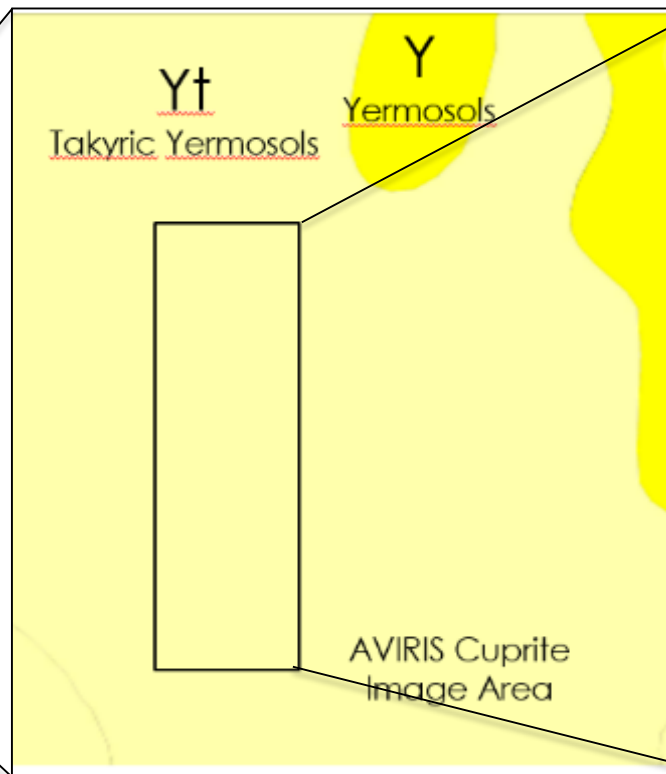


FAO Soil Map Compared to Airborne VSWIR Imaging Spectroscopy

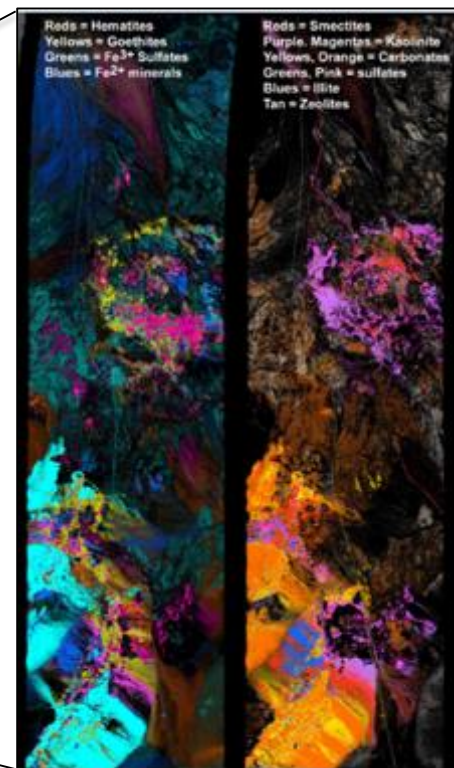
Cuprite, Nevada Region



Soil Map

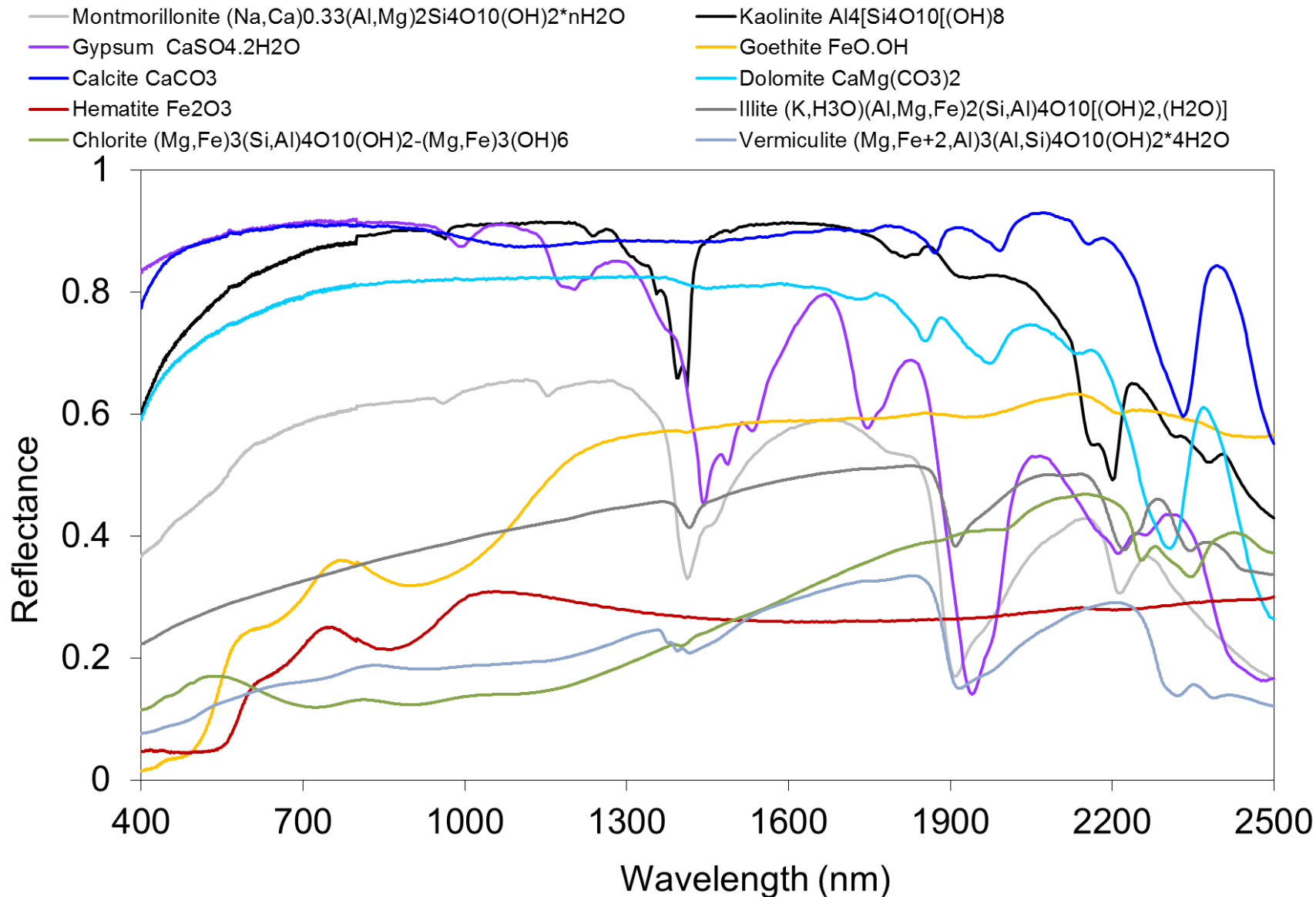


VSWIR Imaging Spectroscopy



Imaging spectroscopy provides a tested method for direct comprehensive measurement of surface mineral composition for the Earth's mineral dust source regions.

Key Minerals of Interest have Distinct Spectral Signatures

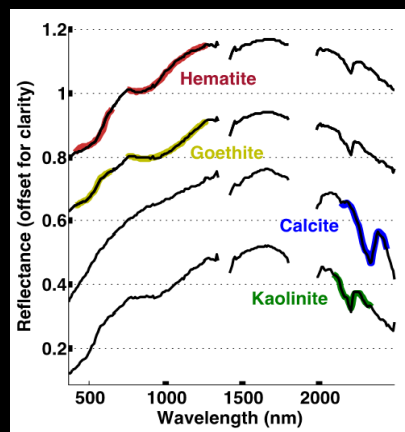




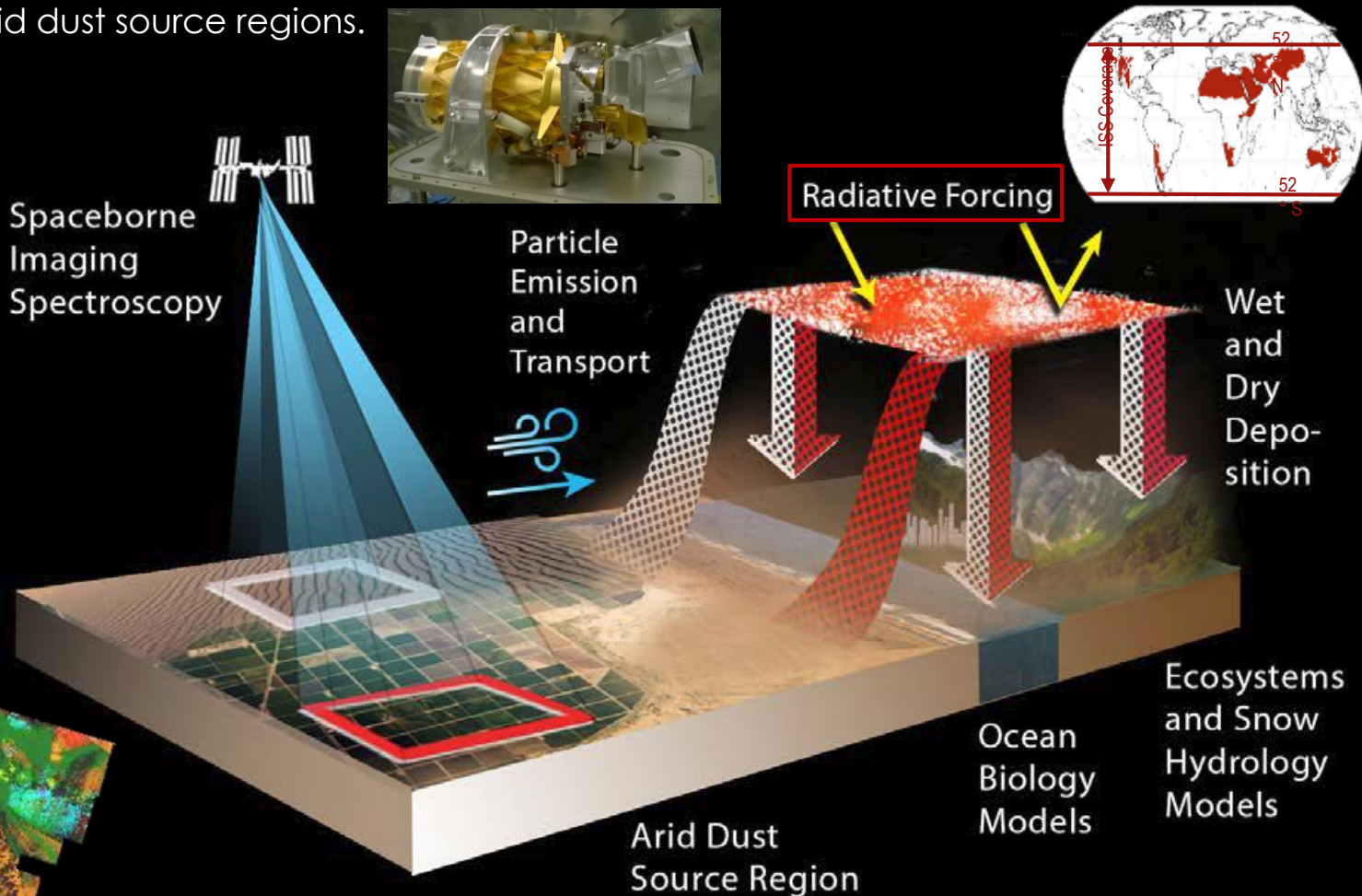
EMIT Overview and Science Objectives

The source region composition for the Earth's mineral dust cycle is poorly known. Source knowledge is required to model the dust cycle and assess future scenarios. EMIT has two objectives.

- 1) Constrain the sign and magnitude of dust-related RF at regional and global scales. EMIT achieves this objective by acquiring, validating and delivering updates of surface mineralogy used to initialize ESMs.
- 2) Predict the increase or decrease of available dust sources under future climate scenarios. EMIT achieves this objective by initializing ESM forecast models with the mineralogy of soils exposed within at-risk lands bordering arid dust source regions.



Hematite
Goethite
Carbonates
Clay Minerals
Illite



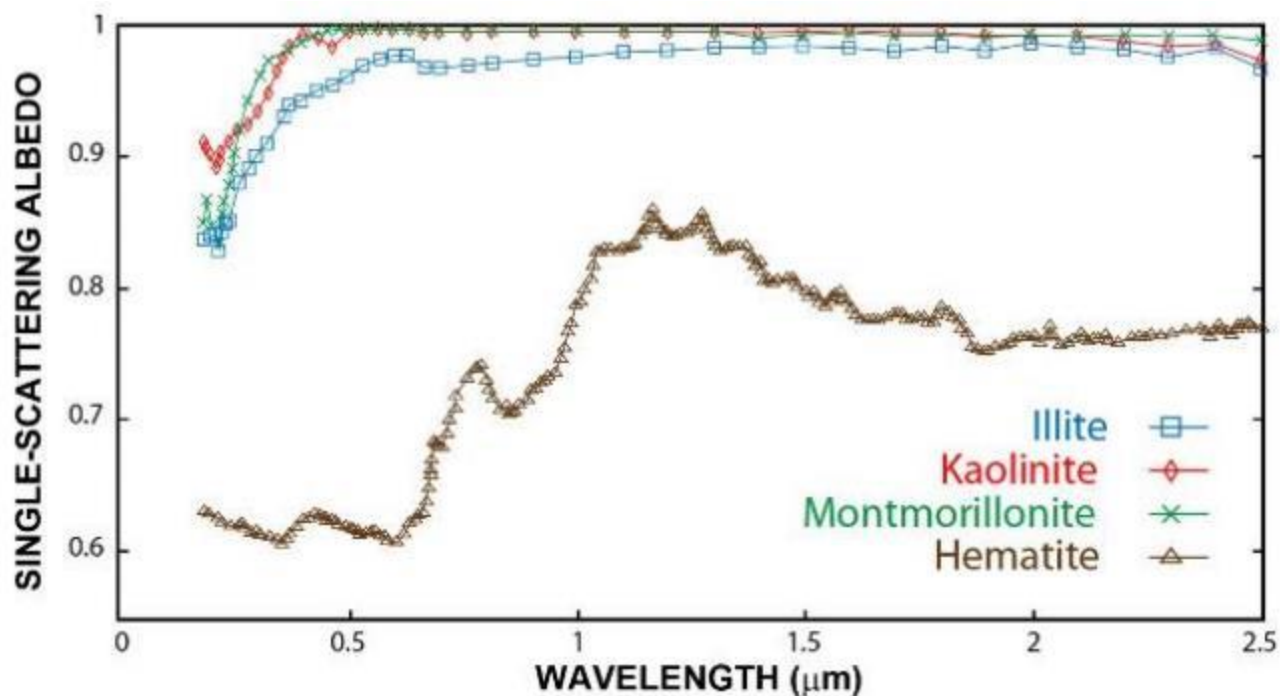
Mineral Dust and Radiative Forcing

Radiative forcing: The change in the Earth's energy balance as a function of an imposed perturbation

The optical characteristics of mineral dust influence the amount of energy absorbed or radiated.

Mineral composition is a key control of single-scattering albedo (SSA), the ratio of scattering extinction to total extinction.

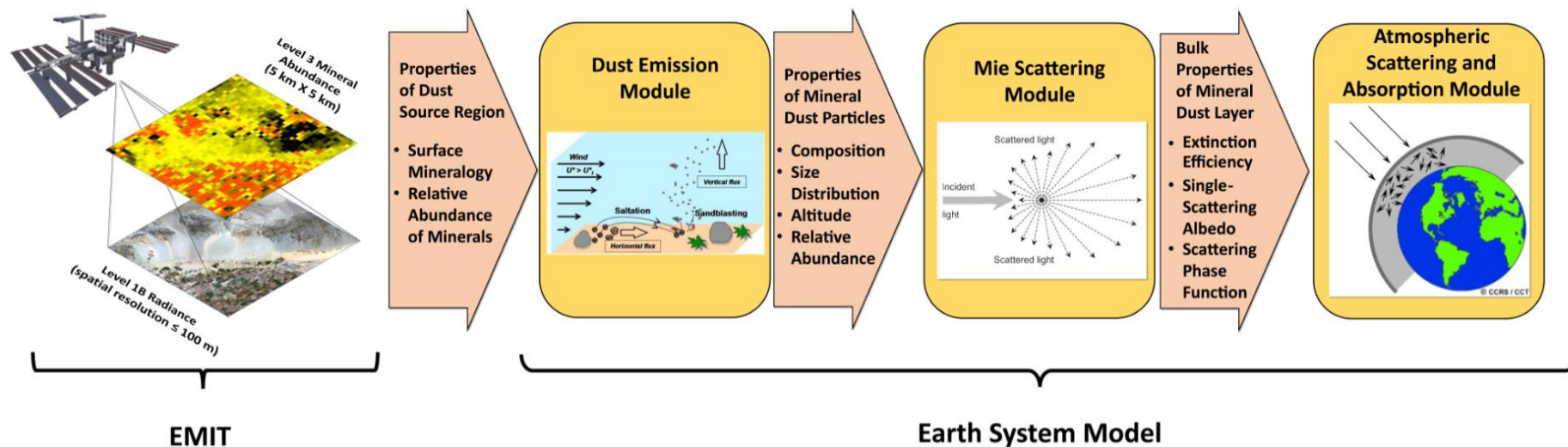
- Hematite is a strong absorber ($SSA < 1.0$) in the VSWIR, contributing to positive forcing (warming)
- Clay minerals (illite, kaolinite, and montmorillonite) are strong scatterers ($SSA \approx 1.0$), contributing to negative forcing (cooling)



(modified from Sokolik and Toon, 1999)

Model Status

- Earth System Models are ready to accept more detailed Earth surface mineral dust source information.
- Earth System Models are being improved each year.



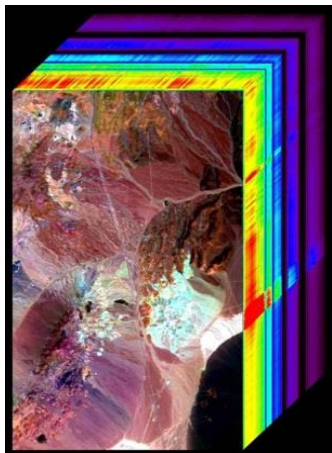
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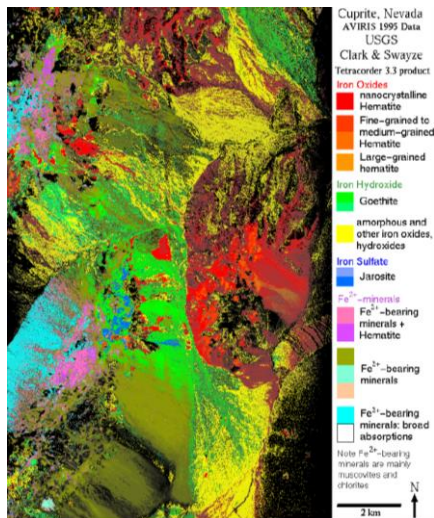
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EMIT uses Imaging Spectroscopy to Map Dust Source Region Minerals

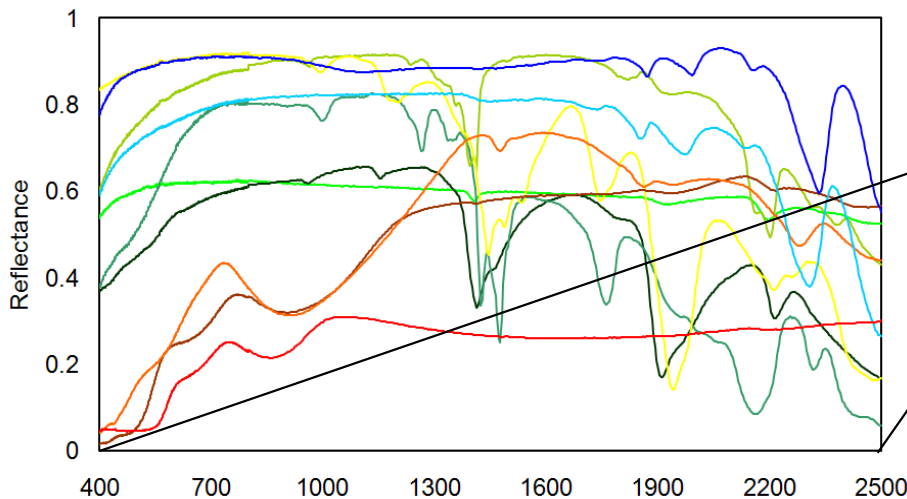
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Mineral Map



1000s of Parallel Spectrometers



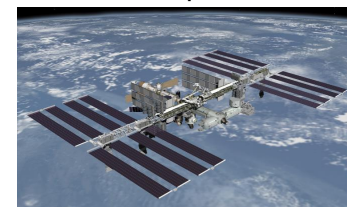
Dust Source Regions



Prototype Spectrometer



International Space Station

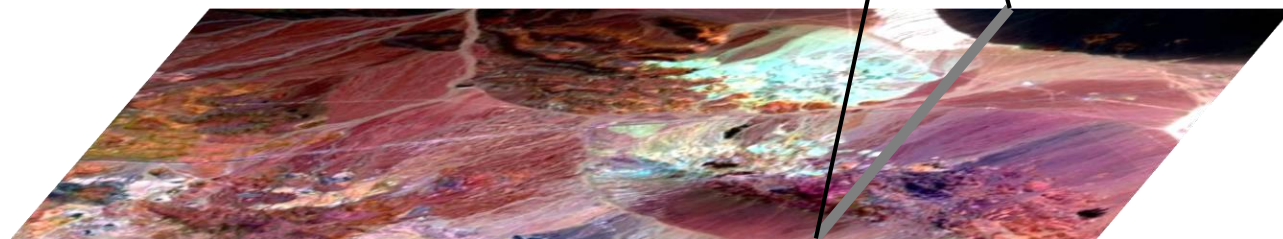


Detector Array

Spectrometer

Telescope

Slit

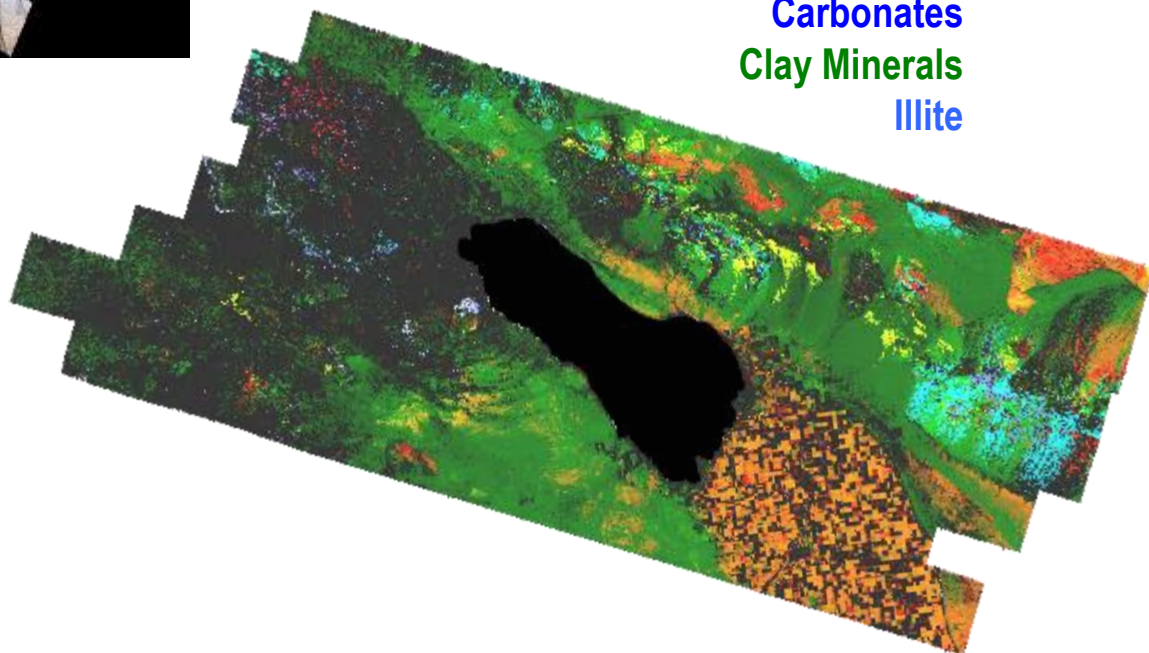
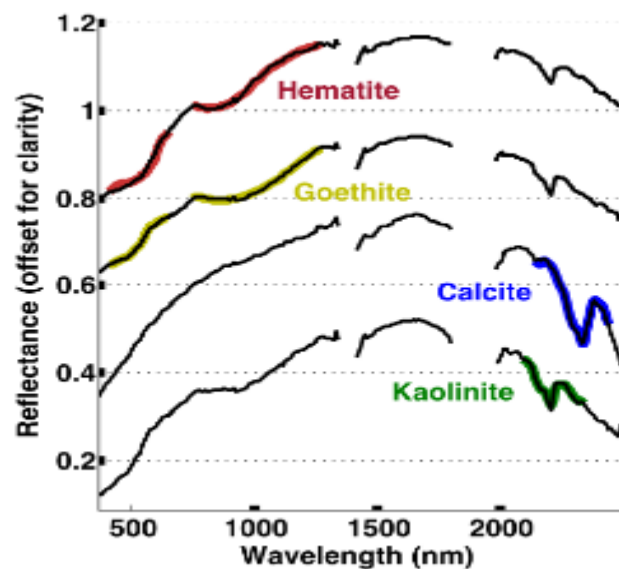


Mineral Mapping Test in the Salton Sea, CA Dust Source Region



AVIRIS imaging spectroscopy measurements of the Salton Sea region in Southern California acquired as part of the 2014 NASA HypSIRI airborne campaign.

Hematite
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Validating the Mineral Spectroscopy at Salton Sea, CA

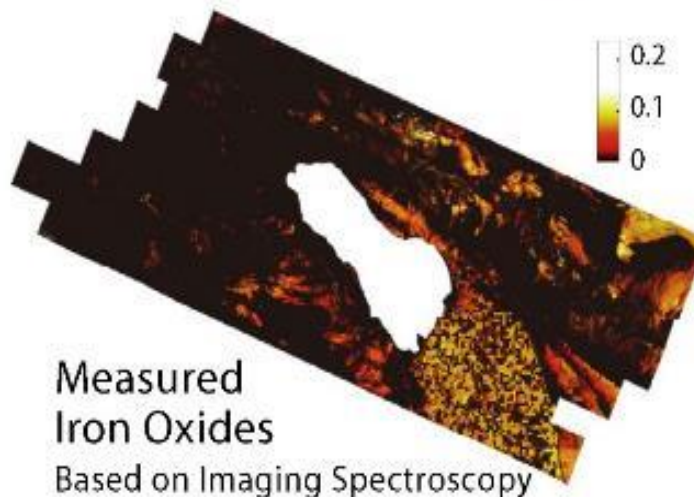
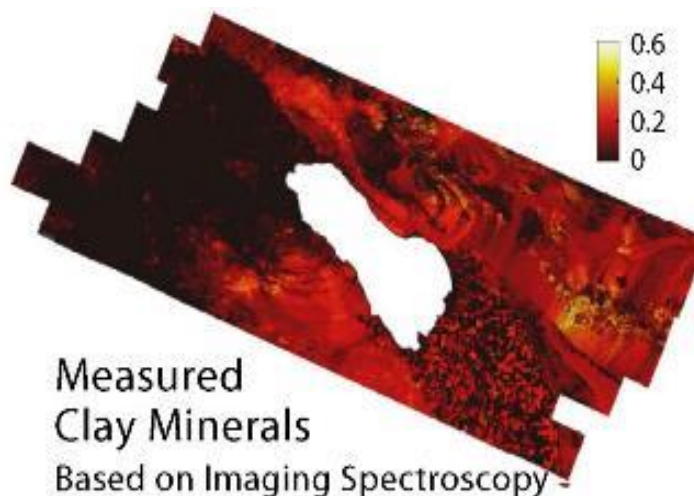


Existing FAO Mineralogy versus Imaging Spectroscopy

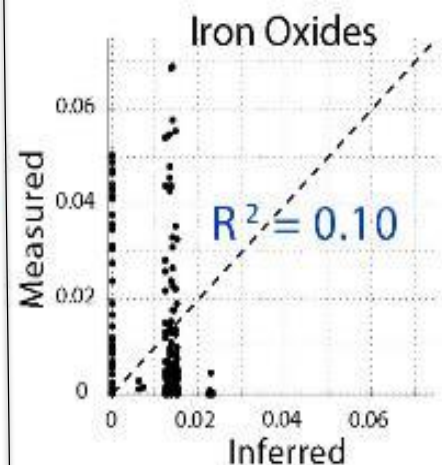
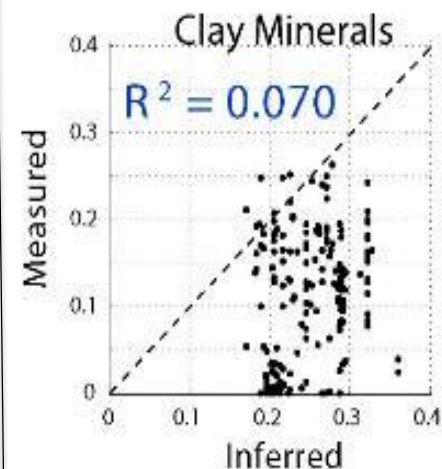
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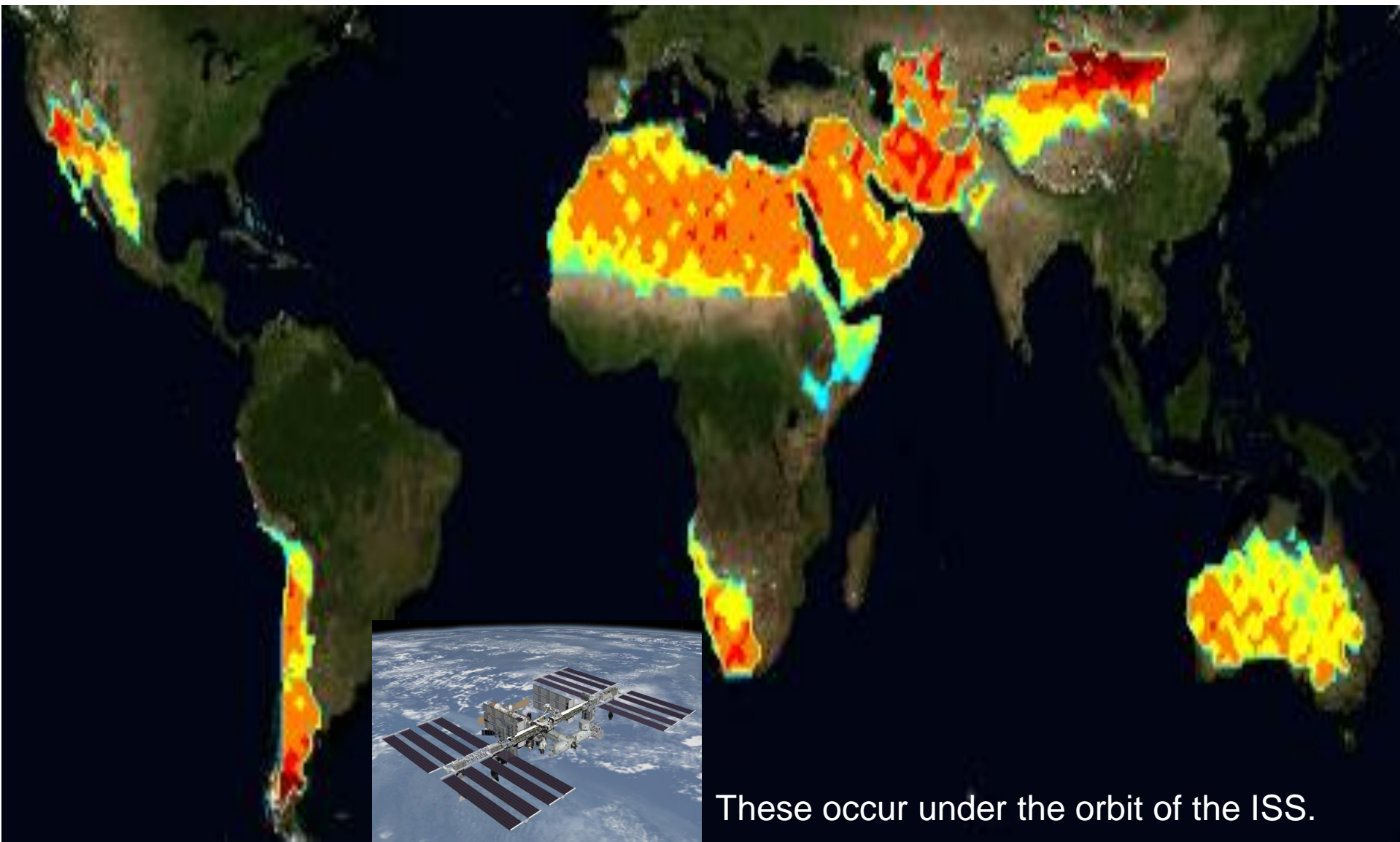
VSWIR Spectroscopy



Comparison



EMIT Target Areas are focused in the Arid Land Regions



These occur under the orbit of the ISS.

ISS is Ideal for EMIT: ELC 1 Site 8, Nadir View

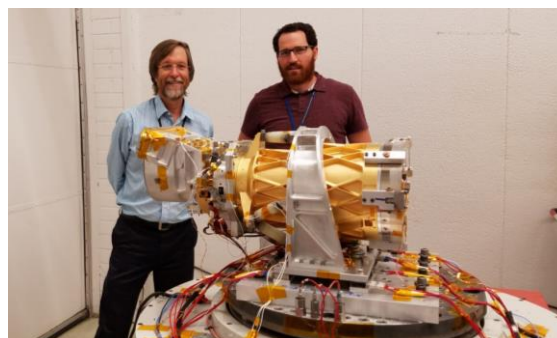


EMIT Instrument: F/1.8 VSWIR Dyson Imaging Spectrometer

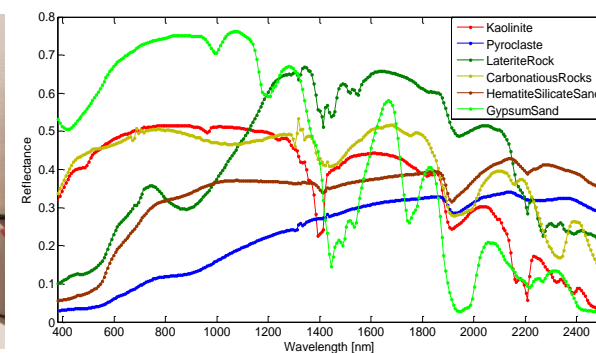
Instrument Overview

EMIT is a Class C implementation of a mature F/1.8 VSWIR-Dyson Spectrometer that leverages NASA Research and Technology investments, including the ESTO IIP SWIS Dyson spectrometer.

Prototype
Spectrometer



Test Spectra



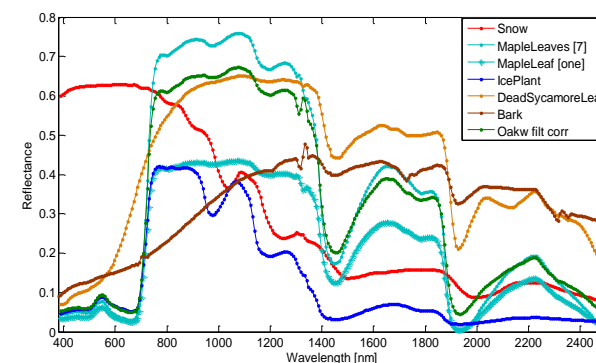
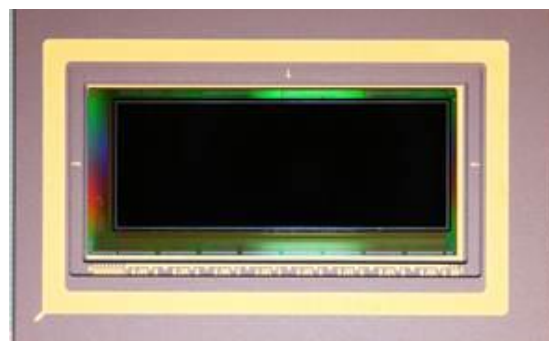
EMIT measurement

Spectral: 380-2510 nm

Radiometric: ≥ 100 SNR in retrieval wavelengths, without saturation over bright land

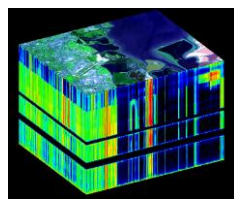
Spatial: ~ 30 m sampling


VSWIR Detector 1280 x 480






The EMIT Instrument Draws from a Long History of Imaging Spectrometer Development







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1986




1989




1997



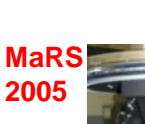
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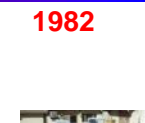
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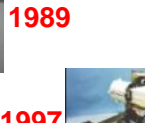
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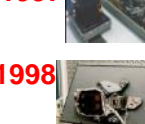
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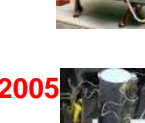
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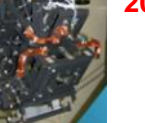
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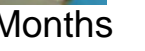
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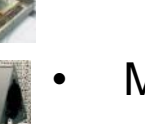
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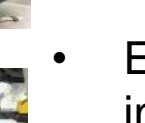
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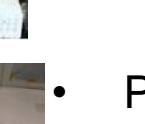
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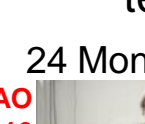
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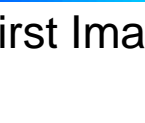
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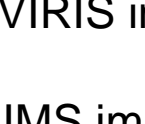
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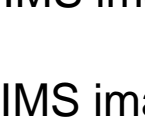
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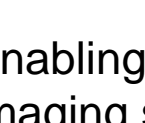
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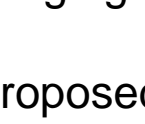
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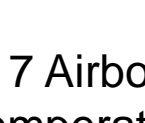
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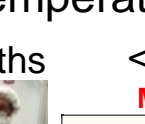
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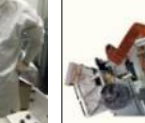
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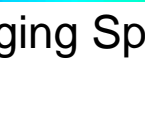
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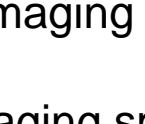
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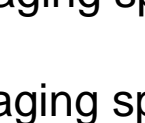
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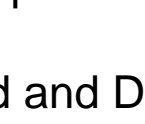
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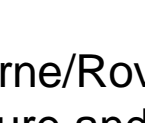
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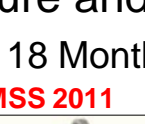
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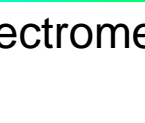
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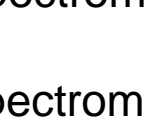
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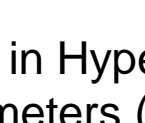
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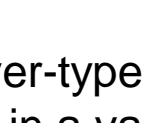
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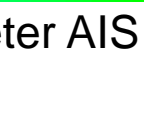
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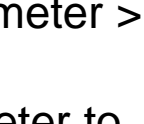
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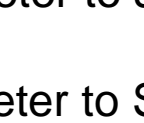
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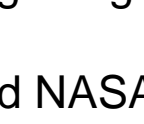
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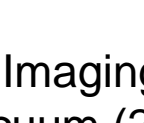
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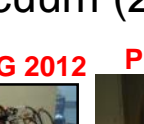
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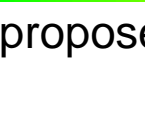
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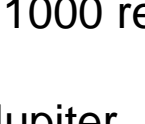
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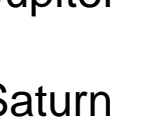
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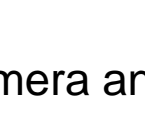
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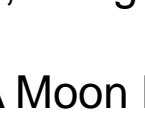
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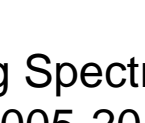
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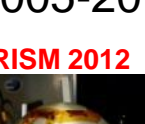
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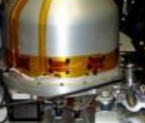
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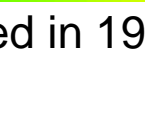
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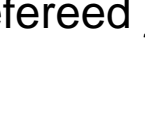
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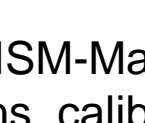
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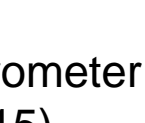
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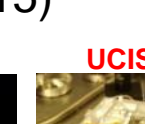
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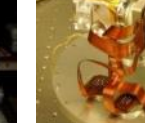
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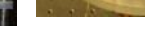
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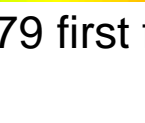
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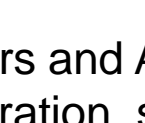
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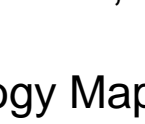
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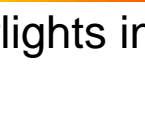
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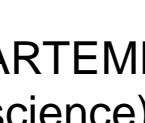
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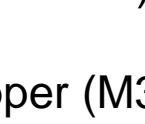
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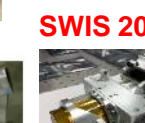
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
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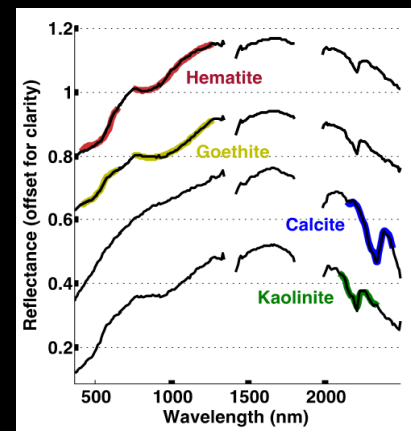
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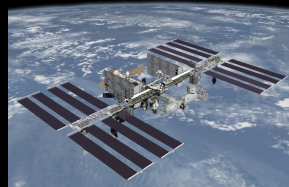
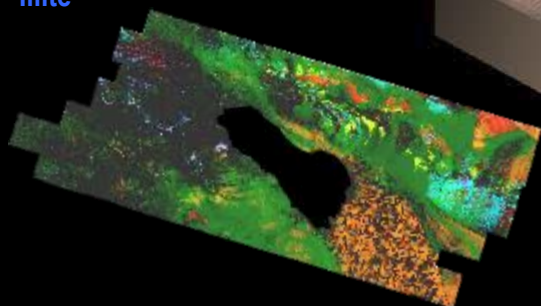
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- To understand these impacts and predict how they may change in future climate scenarios the dust cycle must be modeled.
- A current challenge is poor constraint of the surface mineral composition for the dust source regions of the Earth.
- The VSWIR imaging spectroscopy of EMIT provides a direct and well established method to measure surface mineralogy.
- Initialization of ESMs with EMIT measurements will reduce uncertainty in modeled radiative forcing and allow more accurate investigation of future scenarios.
- EMIT measurements and products will be delivered to the designated NASA DAAC and made available to support a range of scientific research.
- EMIT is scheduled to launch in 2021 and proceed to address its objectives.



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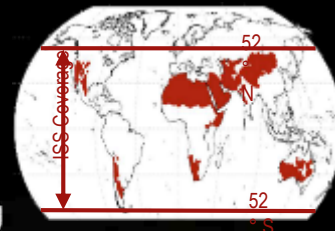
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